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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES JOHANNESBURG'S INTEREST IN TRANSMITTING INFO CONCERNING SWAZILAND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS. BELIEVE ESSENTIAL, HOWEVER, FOR REFTEL RECORD TO BE REVISED ON BASIS FO OUR CONTACT WITH SWAZILAND RAILWAY OFFICIALS.

2. RE PARA 1 REF A, SWAZILAND RAILWAY OFFICIALS DENY THEY PLANNING BE INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION OF A SECOND RAIL LINK FROM GOLELA TO RICHARDS BAY; ONE RAIL LINE ALREADY RUNS BETWEEN THOSE TWO POINTS. AS REPORTED REFS B AND C, SWAZILAND IS STILL LOOKING FOR FINANCING FOR 90 KILOMETER LINK INSIDE SWAZILAND TO CONNECT SWAZILAND RAILWAY WITH SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAY AT GOLELA.

3. RE PARA 2 REF A, SWAZILAND RAILWAY (WHICH UNTIL NOW HAS ALWAYS USED LOCOMOTIVES FROM PORTUGUESE-RUN RAILWAY IN
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MOZAMBIQUE) IS SEEKING FINANCING FOR PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES. DIRECTOR OF SWAZILAND RAILWAY SAID SEARCH FOR FINANCING WILL CONTINUE WHETHER 90 KILOMETER RAIL LINK IS BUILD OR NOT.
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